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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I believe it is my duty to protest the ineffective response to Microsoft's illegal activities. I realise I am not a citizen of USA, but Australian IT law is strongly influenced by USA law and judgements, so I must make my point at the source.

I believe the judgements have failed to understand the full nature of Microsoft's crimes. The Microsoft crimes are not only against commercial companies, but more importantly against the free-software community. Microsoft crimes strike at the people who write software to help their fellow man/woman, rather than the all mighty dollar.

Please, I beg you, reconsider. Microsoft has only one real competitor, and that is free software like Linux. Microsoft knows this, and you are helping it kill free software. Stop the Microsoft monopoly, give Linux a chance to form an effective competitor to Microsoft, and we will all benefit. Realistic software prices, better and more stable products.

Please, we need your help including protection for non-commercial software. Stop the Microsoft crimes. End the Microsoft monopoly.

I thank you for your time.

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